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YpsiCatholic.org August 31st, 2025 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FROM OUR PASTORS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Have you ever thought about why God wants you to be humble? Why is it so important to Him that we are learning from the one who is meek and humble of heart? Perhaps this is obvious, but it is because God wants to exalt us; He wants to raise us up with Himself to share in His glory. The reality though, is that we cannot be filled with the glory of God if we are already full of ourselves. We are not capable of simultaneously desiring God and His Kingdom above all things and simultaneously desiring our own glory. As St. Theresa of Calcutta put it: "God cannot fill what is already full." This means we have to be emptied of our desire to be noticed, sought after, praised, preferred, respected, and our needs met first. We have to become more interested in taking care to notice others, meeting their needs, and sometimes even making sure that they get well-deserved praise.

This others-first approach that Jesus teaches also has implications for how much credence we give to our own opinions and perspectives and how much we give to those of others. If we think we always know better than everyone else, we have exalted ourselves. We are called to clothe ourselves in humility in our dealings with one another (I Peter 5:5), so that we can become of one heart and mind with one another in Christ. I Peter 5:5 goes on to say; "for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humility is incredibly powerful, in part because it comes with the assistance of God's power. Humility has the power to soften hearts, change attitudes, and win people to Christ; we should be looking for opportunities to embrace it. Most of all, we should remember how much joy it brings God when we give Him the opportunity to exalt us. Our willingness to let Him lift us up is as much a gift to Him as His exaltation is a gift to us.

Blessings,

Fr. Dan

LABOR DAY...

MASS WILL BE AS USUAL, 12:15 PM

*The office will be closed.

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

REGISTRATION FOR FAMILY FORMATION

NOW OPEN!

Family Formation is for all families—whether your kids are infants, high schoolers, or in between. We meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday, after the 11am Mass, during the school year, to grow as disciples in community, together as a family. Each afternoon includes:

- Brunch
- Family Praise & Worship
- Age-Specific Catechesis for kids and teens, Adult Formation through talks and small group discussion
- Monthly at-home materials to support parents as the primary catechists of their children

Family Formation is an essential part of preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. All families are encouraged to participate—including those whose children attend Catholic school or homeschool.

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First Communion

Our Family Formation program at SJB is an essential part of preparing for the sacraments of First Communion and First Reconciliation. Preparation is a one-year process that typically occurs in 2nd grade.

Participation in Family Formation *is required* for children who are not receiving preparation through a local Catholic school or homeschool.

If you have a child in Catholic school or home school who intends to receive these sacraments this year, contact us before the school year begins.

Confirmation

Preparing for Confirmation at SJB is a two-year program, typically for 7th and 8th grade students. The program runs from September until May. ***The requirements for confirmation include:***

- Student and parent attendance at Family Formation which takes place twice a month, after the 11AM Mass, 12:15-2:30 PM.
- Student attendance at all Wildfire Youth Group Nights which take place every other Sunday, from 7-8:30 PM here at SJB.

SJ Beat

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
COMMUNITY LIFE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

We're excited to kick off another amazing season of faith, fellowship, and formation here at St. John the Baptist! As summer winds down, we're gearing up for a full lineup of events to bring our parish family together and deepen our walk with Christ.

All Night Adoration— On the first Friday of the month, come spend time in quiet prayer and encounter the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. This is a sacred space for rest, renewal, and listening for God's voice speaking into your heart.

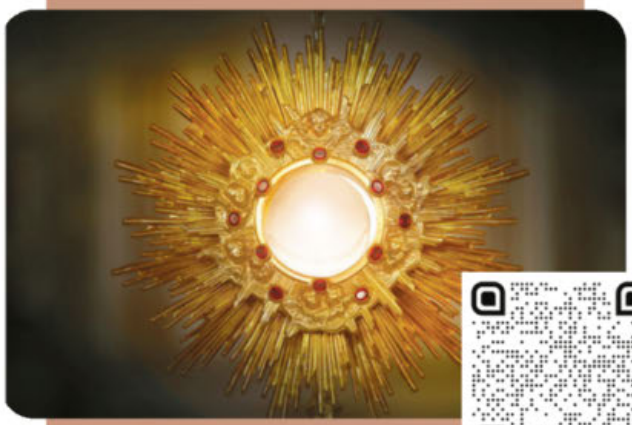
Men's Breakfast— On the second Saturday of the month, men of the parish gather for food, fellowship, and real conversation about faith and life, growing as men, as brothers, and as followers of Christ.

Worship Night— On the third Friday of the month we lift our voices and hearts together in praise! Come experience powerful worship music, prayer, and the presence of God in a dynamic, spirit-filled evening.

Women's Breakfast— Join us for a morning of community, inspiration, and great talks. It's a beautiful way to connect with other women of faith and be nourished in spirit.

Holy Brews— On October 1st, Holy Brews returns! On the first Wednesday of each month, we gather at the Ypsi Alehouse for casual, faith-centered conversations over pints and a peck. Bring your questions, bring a friend, and join us for a talk about the things that matter most. Each evening features a guest speaker, followed by a lively Q&A.

THIS WEEK



ALL-NIGHT ADORATION
FRIDAY, September 5th,
1pm through
SATURDAY, September 6th,
7:45am
in the Adoration Chapel

MEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, September 13th
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

WORSHIP NIGHT
FRIDAY, September 19th
6:30pm
downstairs in the PLC

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, September 27th
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

HOLY BREWS
WEDNESDAY, October 1st
7pm
Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100
Ypsilanti, MI

CAMPUS MINISTRY TESTIMONY

During my final year of college, I formed the Jordan House with Alex Uram, Tyler Hochrein, and Chris Sines. At the start of the year, we set an During my final year of college, I formed the Jordan House with Alex Uram, Tyler Hochrein, and Chris Sines. We set an ambitious goal for ourselves at the start of the year: to form a deep Christian brotherhood amongst us four and to evangelize our campus. The Lord blessed our mission and our house became a potent catalyst for growth in campus ministry. By the year's end, we had multiple small groups running out of our home. Through God's grace, the Jordan House became a place for men to powerfully encounter Jesus.

This year in households was excellent preparation for seminary. I learned to live a common life centered on liturgical prayer and fellowship. On many occasions, the Lord formed my character by calling me to prioritize our household's mission over other concerns. In these experiences, I discovered the Lord's strength in the midst of my own weakness. I learned to love my brothers in times of great joy and sorrow, peace and conflict, and all the other experiences of life. Through it all, God laid an excellent foundation for seminary by conforming more deeply to the sacred heart of Jesus.

— Alex Young, Seminarian

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JOIN THE SJB TEAM!

We are seeking a PART TIME COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

From our Communications Coordinator, Cynthia Rutherford,

As I prepare to transition out of this role, I'd like to share what a gift it has been to serve as the Communications Coordinator here at St. John the Baptist.

This position has helped me grow tremendously in my faith. I've had the joy of using my creativity to serve the Church, sharing the Gospel through digital and print media, and supporting the mission of our parish. From designing bulletins and writing articles to capturing the beauty of parish life, it's been both fun and fulfilling.

What makes this role truly special is the people. I've been blessed to work alongside a team that is not only talented but deeply rooted in prayer and guided by the Holy Spirit. We genuinely care for one another. We've assembled the best team—united in faith and committed to serving our community.

If you're passionate about communication, creativity, and the
Catholic faith, I encourage you to apply. This isn't just a job—it's a vocation and a beautiful way to serve the Church.

To see qualifications and to apply scan the QR code or visit dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

JOIN IN THE WONDER OF THE 3-6 YEAR OLD CHILD

Mark your calendars, CGS returns to SJB next month! Every week in the Atrium, a room containing beautiful, hands-on materials, —the child's attention is focused on key Scripture passages or liturgical moments. The 3-6 year old child enters the mystery of the Eucharist, first by learning the names of the articles used on the altar, and then through the most important gestures, including the preparation of the chalice, the epiclesis and offering, and the sign of peace.

TUESDAY MORNINGS 9:30-11AM
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 16TH

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

SEEKING ADULT CATECHISTS

St. John the Baptist is looking for passionate, faith-filled individuals to serve as catechists for our Sunday afternoon Family Faith Formation sessions — just two times per month.

If you're already attending with your family, consider stepping into a leadership role and help the program thrive. Whether working with kids, teens, or adults, your presence and gifts can play a vital role in our mission of forming disciples.

We are especially in need of catechists for adult formation — individuals who can lead small group discussions, share their faith, and help create a welcoming, engaging space for adults to grow in their relationship with Christ.

No teaching experience? No problem. We provide full training and a complete curriculum — all you need is a heart for Christ and a willingness to serve.

Must be a Catholic in good standing and open to growing in your own faith.

Interested or have questions?
Email Jacob at jacobg@ypsicatholic.org

NEW FALL SESSIONS!
OUR "WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES CONTINUES...

The "What the Church Teaches" series is our answer to OCIA. Whether you're new and just exploring the Catholic faith or are a lifelong Catholic looking to go deeper, you're warmly invited to join us!

SEPT 8TH- Welcome, Intro, & Tour of Church

SEPT 15TH- Why Do I Need the Church? The Mystery of the Catholic Church

MONDAYS, 6:30 PM, DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

EUCHARISTIC OUTREACH MINISTRY

This outreach brings together volunteers from parishes around the county who go to our local hospitals, residential care, and correctional facilities to distribute communion. We visit individuals, conduct communion services, provide a connection to the Catholic community, and say, "You are not forgotten," we say, "Jesus is here today for you." No experience necessary. Training provided. Pick up an informational card at the entrances to the church.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2-4:30 PM
ST. MARY STUDENT PARISH IN ANN ARBOR.

FALL BIBLE STUDIES

A full listing of our Fall Bible Studies is now available at our website. Scan the QR code or visit YpsiCatholic.org/ bible-study.

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Women from across Michigan are invited to come together to focus on their faith and experience the fellowship of sisterhood in Christ Jesus. Throughout the day, you will hear from Catholic speakers, engage in praise and worship music, and celebrate holy Mass with our bishops.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 9AM-5PM
LANSING CENTER, LANSING, MI

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to attend a preparation session and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR...

Katie (O'Toole) Davis
Kris Kapcia
Ann Marie Rusiniak
Kailyn Fitzgerald
Dorothy Chan
Philip Philipose
Shibu Philipose
Gemma Almendras
Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
Doris Adams

Please call the office if you would like to add a name to the list of intercessions for healing or for men and women in the armed forces. Names will be removed after four weeks unless we receive a request to continue.

Remember also that our Book of Petitions is located in The Gathering Space. These intercessions are prayed for at every Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST
12:15 PM: —

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND
6:00 PM: Intentions of Dallas Burkholder
Requested by Mary Firn

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD
8:00 AM: † Nancy Rolph
Requested by The Muczynski Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH
8:00 AM: † Jagger Kiser
Requested by Jackie Kleinsasser

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
8:00 AM: —

5 PM: —

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH
9:00 AM: People of the Parish

11 AM: † Felix A. Ofili
Requested by Mike Krell

Blessed Carlos Acutis

CANONIZED NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday, 7 September, 2025

Born on May 3, 1991, in London, Carlo Acutis moved with his parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, to Milan, Italy, just months later. From an early age, Carlo displayed an extraordinary love for God—so much so that he became the spiritual leader in his family. His devotion to the Eucharist eventually inspired his non-practicing mother to return to the faith and attend daily Mass.

Despite being diagnosed with leukemia as a teenager, Carlo remained deeply rooted in prayer and sacrifice. Before his death in 2006, he offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI and the Church, expressing his desire to go "straight to heaven."

Carlo's faith was contagious. He led others to the Church through his example, including a family au pair, Rajesh Mohur, who converted from Hinduism after witnessing Carlo's prayer life and compassion for the poor. Known for standing up for bullied classmates and defending Church teaching, Carlo's courage and kindness touched everyone around him.

A tech-savvy teen, Carlo taught himself computer programming and created a website cataloging Eucharistic miracles. His goal was to help people rediscover the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Despite loving video games and characters like Spider-Man and Pokémon, he limited his screen time to just two hours per week, keeping his spiritual life front and center.

Carlo died on October 12, 2006, at the age of 15. He was buried in Assisi, where thousands have come to pray at his tomb. His body lies in repose in jeans and Nike sneakers—an enduring image of a modern teenager who lived with extraordinary holiness.

He was beatified in October 2020, and his legacy continues to inspire young people around the world.

GIVE ONLINE

ypsicatholic.org/give

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER 6TH & SEPTEMBER 7TH

SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM	SUNDAY 11:00 AM
USHERS		
Fred Burdick	Carolyn Bradley	Fred Hall
Need Volunteer	Stephen Bradley	Carol Wack
Need Volunteer	Christine Sullivan	Andy Winnie
	Brenda Swan	Vince Zahm
GREETERS		
Need Volunteer	Marie Lenhardt	Marcy Muczynski
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Wendy Winnie
LECTORS		
Ellen Gibson	Sarah Scholl	Gary Czupinski
Tom Moffit	Van Vandagriff	Shelly Czupinski
SACRISTAN		
ADULT:	ADULT:	ADULT:
Toni Esteva	Lucy Shaw	Melissa Florian
JUNIOR:	JUNIOR:	JUNIOR:
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
ALTAR SERVERS		
Kellen Gentit	Joe Comazzi	Walter Reister
Jordan Wells	Mathias Gentit	Jayden Smith
	Augustine Lussier	Need Volunteer

We are always in need of Ushers, Greeters, Junior Sacristans, and Altar Servers.

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Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
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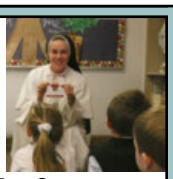
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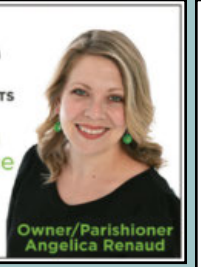
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